

# SOCIETY OF ETERNAL YOUTH.

New Iowa Organization Fines All Sick Members.

Des Moines, Ia.—"The First Society of Eternal Youth" is the name of an organization founded here, which has for its object the prolongation of life, and which purposes to fine every member who becomes sick. That the association is in earnest is evidenced by the fact that 100 men already have enrolled in the scheme, the preamble of which reads as follows:

The special object and business of this society shall be to renew and perpetuate the mental, moral and physical youth and strength of all its members; to build up and continue in the highest degree the mental vigor in each individual member; and imperatively requiring from each and every member that he live the life of health, thereby contributing his share in banishing the specter of disease and death from the face of the earth.

Any member who is reported sick from any disease, and so remains sick and is confined to his bed for a continuous period of three days or more, shall be fined in a sum not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for the first offense. For the second offense under this article any member shall be suspended from membership, and for the third offense of any member in violation of this article expulsion from the society shall be the penalty.

All members upon joining must sign a pledge that he or she will continually assert that there is nothing but custom and habit of thought that causes people to be sick, grow old, or die.

# SPORTSMEN LOSE A PARADISE.

Not Allowed to Bring Game From Mexico Across the Border.

San Antonio, Tex.—Mexico as a sportsman's paradise is a thing of the past for the hunters from the United States. This is due to the strict enforcement by the United States customs authorities of the provisions of the Lacey bird law, which makes persons having possession of game brought from another state or territory amenable to the laws of the state in which they are found, regardless of the fact that the game comes from without the state.

For years northern Mexico has been growing in popularity among the sportsmen from the States, owing to the abundance of game to be found in the republic and to the increasing restrictions of the Texas game laws. Until now Texas hunters have been allowed to return from Mexico with any quantity of game killed in the latter country and no questions were asked.

Customs officers along the Rio Grande have received strict instructions as to the enforcement of the Lacey law and all along the border now the hunters are discouraged and uneasy, for many men have made their living by killing game in Mexico and shipping the same to the northern markets.

# CRISSCROSSED MATING.

Old Man Weds a Girl and His Son Takes Her Mamma.

Sonoma, S. D.—A unique double wedding at which a man 60 years old married a girl 20 years old, and his son, 38 years old, married her mother, 44 years old, was celebrated near here a few days ago.

Richard Ellsworth, a widower, and his son, Keene Ellsworth, lived on a ranch adjoining that on which Mrs. Emma E. Barrett, a widow, and her daughter, Jennie Barrett, made their home. The elder Ellsworth drove frequently to the Barrett ranch to spend an evening, and so did his son. It was supposed by the neighbors that the father was paying court to Mrs. Barrett and that the son was paying court to her daughter. It was decided to have a double wedding and to take a wedding journey together.

Father and son and mother and daughter started south immediately after the ceremony and will spend a month there. Young Ellsworth will take charge of the Barrett ranch, while his father will live with his young bride on the Ellsworth ranch. They have been anxiously trying to figure out what relation each is to the others.

# Three Years to Deliver Letter.

New York.—Midvale, in Passaic county, New Jersey, is about five miles north of Paterson, the county seat, but it has taken nearly three years for a letter mailed there to reach Paterson.

It was sent July 23, 1904, by David Bean, assessor of Midvale, and was an acknowledgment of the receipt of burial certificates of 20 excursionists killed in a train wreck on the Greenwood Lake railroad. The letter was addressed to the register of vital statistics of Paterson, and it arrived Saturday afternoon.

There is nothing on the envelope to show that the letter had been miscarried. It is stamped July 23, 1904. No explanation has been offered.

# Mothers Have 38 Children.

San Francisco, Cal.—Statistics prepared by the immigration board at this port show that according to the claims of all the Chinese who swore they are native born every Chinese woman in this country must have been the mother of 38 children. This interesting condition was made known when the figures collected from various points in the country were tabulated.



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# WILL EAT SALTPETER

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO SETTLE MOOTED QUESTIONS.

Year's Experiments in Interest of Beef-Eating Public—One-Half to Be Fed on Meat Cured with Solution.

New York.—For a period of from six to twelve months a squad of vigorous and healthy men will be the subjects upon whom a small company of savants, working in the interests of humanity in general and beef-eaters in particular, will test the effects of meat that has been cured with saltpeter and other supposedly injurious preservatives.

This was settled the other day, when what will be known as the national commission for the investigation of nutrition problems was formed in New York at the Fifth Avenue hotel.

This organization will act under the auspices of the University of Illinois and it is composed of Prof. H. S. Grindley of that institution, Prof. R. H. Chittenden of Yale university, Prof. J. J. Abel of Johns Hopkins university and Prof. A. P. Mathews of Chicago university.

The movement was inaugurated by Prof. Edmund J. James of the University of Illinois, who will also take an active part in its progress. The experiments will be carried on at the University of Illinois, and it is said that they will be the most thorough of the kind ever undertaken in the United States.

"There has been great difference of opinion among experts," said Prof. Grindley, "as to the effect of certain preservatives used in the curing of meat and the commission will direct its attention first to the determination of some of these important questions. The first experiments will be to discover the effects upon the human body of the saltpeter used in curing meats."

"It is a well-known fact that saltpeter taken in considerable quantities is a poison, but whether the small amount consumed by the eating of cured meats is in any way injurious has long been a mooted question."

"The data obtained will be of prime importance in aiding the enforcement of the present pure food laws and of the utmost importance in aiding in the formulation of further just regulations as to the use of this and other preservatives in food products."

The "saltpeter squad," as it might be called, will be boarded in a specially equipped house in such a way that the weight of all foods eaten by each man can be accurately determined and the food completely analyzed. A physician will keep a daily record of the physical condition and health of each member of the squad.

The diet of half the men will include cured meat products now on the market containing saltpeter and the other half will be fed on a diet exactly similar except that the cured meats will contain none of the preservatives.

Another interesting feature of the experiments will be that efforts will be made to have the men housed pleasantly and their meals so presented to them as to eliminate if possible the influence of the mental condition of the squad on the processes of digestion and nutrition.

It is the purpose of the commission also to make experiments of a similar kind upon the lower animals, so that at the end of the work the animals may be killed and a thorough examination made by the most approved methods to determine the effect of the saltpeter upon the internal organs connected with the processes of digestion and assimilation.

CREW BESET BY KIDDERLAK. Peculiar Poisonous Bug Frightened Whole Ship's Crew.

New York.—The crew of the German steamship Wartenfels, which has arrived from Calcutta, had a thrilling experience during the voyage with a poisonous insect, known as a kidderlak, of the family of centipedes. For more than 20 days the sailors and later the officers dodged the much-dreaded pest. Its bite is said to be almost certain death.

The insect was first discovered by a Lascar fireman, to whose race it is particularly inimical. First Officer Frevichs and Capt. Schmidt had at first laughed at the story of the presence of the kidderlak.

While Capt. Schmidt's steward was leaving the saloon for the pantry with dishes a week later, he heard a crash behind him and beheld the potatoes he had just brought to the table, on the floor, together with fragments of the dish. On the other side of the room stood Capt. Schmidt, pointing speechlessly to a corner of the ceiling. There, clinging close to the wall, was the kidderlak, ready to make a jump for the table.

Second Officer Ruse walked in just then and with a blow from a poker laid the kidderlak out so dead that the insect had not even a chance to make one of the peculiar noises from which it derives its name.

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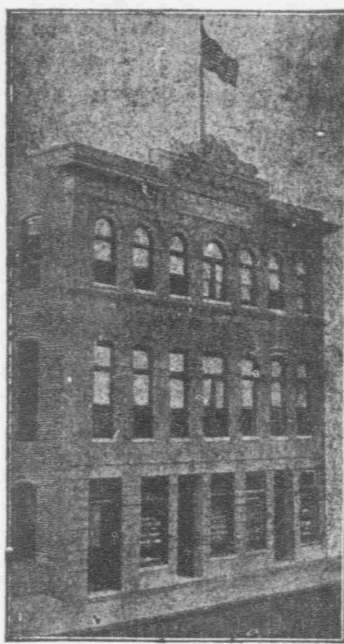
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Vermonters Lose Maple Sugar Yield Through Ignorance of Worker.

Pomfret, Vt.—The next time Lawrence Pratt hires a new farm hand he will be certain that he understands his work before he sends him into the sugar bush to tap. It will save him a lot of trouble and much chaffing.

Mr. Pratt hired the man, Henry Jones by name, to do general work about the farm and help him out during the maple sugar season. He knew that Jones had been employed during haying last summer by a neighbor and had given satisfaction, so he didn't go into particulars.

When it came time to prepare spiles, or taps, for the maple trees, Jones appeared a bit rusty as to their manufacture, but after watching the boss for a few minutes he proved a master hand at whittling them. The farmer delegated Jones to tap the trees.

Everything went well until the first run was boiled. The sap seemed exceptionally sweet, but when it had been boiled down the syrup tasted bitter and he and Jones were nauseated.

"You are sure you didn't tap anything but maples?" inquired Mr. Pratt.

"Why, there ain't nuthin' else in the orchard, is there?" asked Jones.

"Nothing else!" shouted the farmer.

"Why, man, there must be 30 hemlocks sticking around."

"Well, then, I must have tapped 'em," groaned the hired man, "for I tapped every tree on the hill."

Sheep Annoy Trainmen.

Cripple Creek, Col.—The law forbidding the killing of mountain sheep is a good thing for the sheep but a frequent source of annoyance to trainmen, for the animals make a highway of the tracks and will not take to the right or left when a train approaches but will stick to the path. Trains have to stop while the train crews with loud cries and much profanity personally drive the sheep away.

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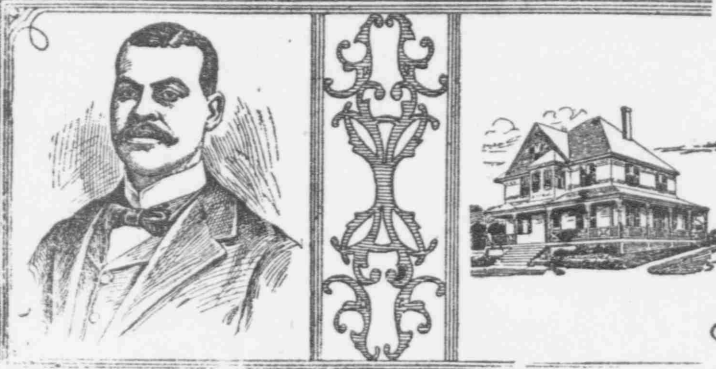
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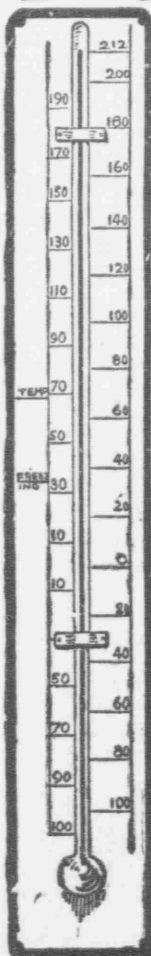
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